**Rationalising fees for higher education**

†721. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to rationalise fees for universities or colleges substantially funded by Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main recommendations of the Committee constituted by UGC for restructuring of fees in Universities;

(d) the facilities to be provided to students belonging to weaker sections of society;

(e) whether the proposed fee hike is likely to create difficulties for students of poor and economically weaker sections in getting education; and

(f) if so, the alternate measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) The recommendations made by various committees set up by the UGC for rationalisation of fees in universities have been received in the Ministry. They are under examination.

**Recommendations on management of colleges governing bodies**

722. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Government have received the recommendations/ report of the Seminar held recently to discuss organisation and management of college governing Bodies and role of State and Central agencies in the functioning of autonomous colleges;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations; and

(c) the steps being taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Closing down of fake Universities**

†723. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission has issued any list of fake universities being run in various States of the country and whether Government are aware of the said list;

(b) if so, the number of fake universities and the States in which they are larger in number; and

(c) what stringent action has been taken by Government to close these fake universities immediately as well as against their organisers?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Presently there are 18 Universities/Institutions in the country which have been declared as "Fake" and which are functioning in violation of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956. The List of Fake

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